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Santa Ana Jailer Charged With Giving Drugs to Inmates

SANTA ANA --- A detention officer for the Santa Ana Police Department has been charged with five counts stemming from a conspiracy to furnish drugs to inmates during a three-month period.

Michelle Rodriguez (DOB 10-19-75), of Downey, is scheduled to voluntarily surrender at 9 a.m. Tuesday for an arraignment in Dept. C-55 of the Central Justice Center. She was charged Friday with the following felonies:

- Conspiracy to bring drugs into the jail
- Conspiracy to furnish drugs to a prisoner
- Bringing drugs into the jail
- Furnishing drugs to a prisoner
- Transporting drugs.

If convicted on the above charges, she faces a maximum of six years in prison. The investigation is continuing into the individuals who assisted and possessed the drugs that Rodriguez smuggled into the Santa Ana jail.

The charges cover the time period between Nov. 1, 1999 and Feb. 16, 2000. Rodriguez is accused of conspiring with at least two other inmates to bring drugs into the jail. The conspiracy was uncovered when another jailer searched an inmate's cell and found drugs. Jail personnel were interviewed and evidence pointed toward Rodriguez's involvement. The case was investigated by the Santa Ana Police Department and forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for legal review.

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